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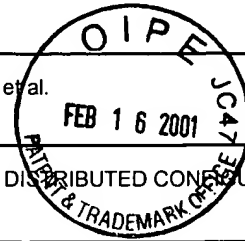
(Filing of Continuation Application Under 35 U.S.C. §111(a))

Attorney Docket No.
 1359.1040

First Named Inventor: Takao MOHRI et al.

Title: FACILITATOR HAVING A DISTRIBUTED CONFIGURATION, A DUAL CELL APPARATUS....

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form
2. ☒ Specification, Claims & Abstract [Total Pages: 45]
3. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets: 32]
4. ☒ Oath or Declaration [Total Pages: 4]
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
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11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Foreign priority benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119 is claimed.
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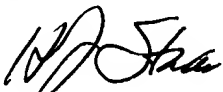
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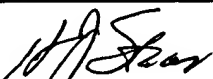
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